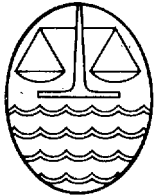




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### SECOND COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE AT ITS FORTY-THIRD MEETING HELD ON 23 AUGUST 1974 CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF ITS WORK

At the 9th informal meeting of the Committee, held on 15 August 1974, the Committee approved the proposal on the organization of the work which I submitted for its consideration on behalf of the General Committee. The proposal, as adopted, is as follows:

(1) Priority will be given to the completion of the first stage of the Committee's work, namely the consideration of the informal working papers which still have to be discussed and their possible revision.

(2) Simultaneously, whenever time was available, the Committee will undertake a second reading of the items allocated to it, which will be regrouped as follows:

GROUP I: item 2 (territorial sea); item 4 (straits used for international navigation); item 16 (archipelagos); and item 3 (contiguous zone). Item 17 (enclosed and semi-enclosed seas), item 18 (artificial islands and installations), and item 19 (régime of islands) can also be discussed in so far as they relate to the other items included in this group.

GROUP II: item 5 (continental shelf); item 6 (exclusive economic zone); item 7 (coastal State preferential rights or other non-exclusive jurisdiction over resources beyond the territorial sea); item 10 (rights and interests of shelf-locked States and States with narrow shelves or short coastlines); and item 11 (rights and interests of States with broad shelves). Item 9 (land-locked countries), item 17 (enclosed and semi-enclosed seas), item 18 (artificial islands and installations), and item 19 (régime of islands) can also be discussed in so far as they relate to the other items included in this group.

GROUP III: item 8 (high seas) and item 24 (transmission from the high seas). Item 18 (artificial islands and installations) and item 19 (régime of islands) can also be discussed in so far as they relate to the other items included in this group.

(3) The aim of this second reading is to reduce, as far as possible, the number of alternative formulations in the working papers. Consequently, discussions should be focused on differences of substance, not on questions of drafting, except where new wording can help to combine alternative formulations.

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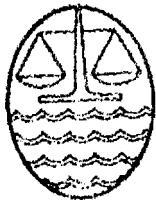
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(4) There will be an opportunity for delegations to introduce proposals in formal meetings of the Committee. It is to be hoped that these new proposals will be primarily designed to consolidate texts and thus reduce the number of variants. However, most of the work in the second stage will be carried out at informal meetings.

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Corrigendum

First paragraph, third line:

For on behalf of the General Committee read on behalf of the Bureau

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